

CHICKEN LITTLE DEMOCRATS

(Mr. NORWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, in deference to our last speaker, everybody knows that it was not the Civil War, it was the War between the States.

Mr. Speaker, today we will pass a 7-year budget reconciliation that is a huge step forward for this great Nation. In the reconciliation, we will do the things the voters asked us to do when they swept the liberal Democrats out of office. We will balance the budget in 7 years, something that has not been done in a generation. Where the liberal Democrats of the 103d Congress raised taxes, we will refund taxes back to the hard working men and women in this Nation. We will fix a Medicare system that was going bankrupt. We will reform the morally bankrupt welfare system. In short, Mr. Speaker, today we will do the things we promised the American people we would do.

I have listened to the Chicken Little Democrats whine "this is too much, too fast, too hard". But what do they offer? Nothing. Mr. Speaker, every day we ignore the problems of the Nation, they become worse. Now is the time for great action, and today will be remembered as a great day.

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY

(Mr. ROEMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, this is the people's House. Therefore, what are the people of this great country saying about cutting taxes in order to get to a balanced budget?

Well, the Committee on the Budget went out to listen to the American people. Here is a transcript of what the Committee on the Budget heard going coast to coast in January and February.

They heard from Mr. Frank Ramsey from Prescott, AZ. He said, and I quote, "We feel here in Prescott what needs to be done first is to cut spending long before cutting taxes."

Cole Kleitsch of New Jersey said, "The other thing, we cannot have a tax cut right now."

Lynn Dill in Delaware: "I am very unenthusiastic about tax cuts."

Greg Pearson in Montana: "I think it is absolutely foolish for Congress to talk about reducing taxes at all."

Mr. Speaker, what we need to do is balance the budget by making tough cuts in spending as our coalition budget does. Let us demand sacrifice from all the American people, not division and redistributing the resources.

TAXES ARE TOO HIGH

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, perhaps confession is good for the soul, and

good politics. Look at President Clinton.

Last week at a fat-cat fundraiser in Texas, he confessed that he raised taxes too much in 1993.

Today, the polls show that Mr. Clinton has gained some favor with the American public after that confession.

I am sure that news has warmed the hearts of all those Democrats who were defeated last year after helping the President pass the largest tax increase in history.

But there is a lesson in all this for those surviving House Democrats who followed their President like lemmings and voted to raise taxes on Social Security, who voted to raise taxes on low- and middle-income working families.

The lesson is that it is not too late for you to have a change of heart, just as the President has.

You can confess that you were wrong to raise taxes in 1993 and you can demonstrate your sincerity by helping the Republican majority cut the Clinton taxes and let working families keep more of their earnings. Taxes are too high. Let us cut them today.

TAXES ARE BEING RAISED TODAY

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, let us talk about taxes. In fact let us talk about the taxes that are going to be raised today in this NEWT GINGRICH Congress.

First of course is the sick tax. To be old or disabled in America is to have the opportunity to pay more and get less health care. It is a tax on being sick to finance a tax break for those who are well, very well, very well off.

Then there is NEWT GINGRICH'S new tax on work. That is right. The Americans who earn less than \$30,000 will be paying more taxes after today, if Mr. GINGRICH has his way. To those who are off welfare, who walk past the drug dealer to get to the bus stop, to go across town to empty the bed pan at the nursing home, to the young mother who is off welfare, who is struggling to get child care, who is going across town to sack up another burger and fries, to those people taxes are going to go up after today. They may call that no new taxes, it is at least NEWT'S taxes.

LIBERALS OPPOSE RECONCILIATION

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, from the home office in Scottsdale, AZ, the top 10 reasons liberals oppose reconciliation. No. 10, mistaken notion that milk comes from cartons, electricity from light switches, and money from the Government instead of from taxpayers. No. 9, forget Travelgate and Whitewater; it is more fun to rip off

taxpayers in the broad daylight. No. 8, tax and spend without end, tax and spend without end. Hey, Mr. Speaker, why would the American people join in that mind-numbing chant?

No. 7, liberal PR firm of Jennings, Rather and Brokaw advises keep confusing and misleading the public, then leave the rest to us. No. 6, anxiously awaiting new sitcom from Larry and Linda Thomason: Bureaucrats Know Best.

No. 5, people should not keep more of their money. That is unfair and, besides, it makes too much sense. No. 4, liberal mantra for year-round Halloween: Trick the people then treat big government.

No. 3, people's money, what a wonderful thing to waste. No. 2, self-reliance, what a dangerous concept. And the No. 1 reason liberals oppose reconciliation, a secret fear that the President will flipflop again and refuse to veto this commonsense approach to the future.

THE BUDGET BILL

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, both parties, Democrats and Republicans, have raised taxes. Although I will not vote for the budget bill today, I want to commend the Republican Party for at least having a program and attempting to turn the country around.

There are two provisions in this bill that I have sponsored. First, it increases penalties for IRS misconduct tenfold. That will cool the jets of some of those at the IRS, folks. Second of all, it will give taxpayers an opportunity to sue the IRS for cause.

But I am disappointed. Although there is some language on shifting the burden of proof, my provision is not in there. Let me say this; one of the main reasons is money.

My colleagues, if our Founding Fathers used money as the yardstick for liberty, we would not have the protection of the Bill of Rights today. There can be no justice in America, and after this bill is over, a taxpayer will still be considered guilty and must prove themselves innocent in a court of law.

I think the Democrats did nothing about it; tell it like it is. The Republicans have an opportunity. I am hoping they give me a shot here in the next year.

VOTE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

(Mr. EWING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, as of yesterday, the national debt stood at \$4,975,508,732,304.35.

It's not enough to debate how previous Congresses let this happen. It is